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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL NAMES ON PRISONER LISTS

1. ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL MICHAEL EGAN CALLED UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM SEPTEMBER 8 TO ASK REGARDING ADDITION OF NAMES TO SCREENING LISTS OF RELEASED PRISONERS AND FAMILIES. UNDER SECRETARY PROPOSED FOLLOWING POLICY.

2. IF MEMBERS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY SHOW UP WHO ARE NOT LISTED, INTERESTS SECTION OR SCREENING TEAM SHOULD, IF APPLICANTS AGREE, REFER MATTER TO CUBAN IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES INDICATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SUCH PERSONS IF CUBANS ARE PREPARED TO LET THEM EXIT.

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3. IF NAMES OF RELEASED PRISONERS WHO ARE NOT ON ANY LISTS SO FAR RECEIVED BY US FROM THE CUBANS ARE MENTIONED TO WASHINGTON AGENCIES BY AMERICAN SOURCES, WE WILL TAKE THE NAMES BUT AT THE SAME TIME MAKE CLEAR THAT THE IMPETUS HAS BEEN ON THE CUBAN SIDE AND WE CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING WITH THEM. THESE NAMES WILL THEN BE REFERRED

TO THE CUBANS THROUGH THE WASHINGTON CHANNEL BUT WITHOUT ANY INDICATION OF U.S. GOVERNMENT PREFERENCE THAT THESE CASES RECEIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION OVER THOSE

BEING CONSIDERED BY THE CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

4. PERSONS WHO ENTER INTERESTS SECTION CLAIMING TO BE RELEASED PRISONERS BUT WHO ARE NOT ON ANY LISTS SO FAR RECEIVED WILL BE TOLD BY SCREENING TEAM THAT TEAM HAS AUTHORITY INTERVIEW ONLY THOSE PERSONS WHOSE NAMES HAVE ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED FROM CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

5. IN LATTER CASE EGAN ASKED WHETHER SCREENING TEAM SHOULD TAKE NAMES OF SUCH PERSONS AND REFER THEM TO CUBAN AUTHORITIES AS IN CASE OF FAMILY MEMBERS. UNDER SECRETARY SAID HE FEARED THAT IF SCREENING TEAM BEGAN TAKING ADDITIONAL NAMES WORD WOULD QUICKLY SPREAD IN HAVANA AND THEY MIGHT HAVE MORE PERSONS THAN THEY COULD HANDLE. EGAN AGREED THAT IT WAS PREFERABLE TO INFORM THEM THAT THEY COULD NOT BE SCREENED UNLESS THEIR NAME HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED OFFICIALLY BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES.

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